

betrayed the People into true Slavery indeede, as the Deceitfull Suggestions of Subtile Matchiavilians pretending Religion, and an extraordinary care of the Peoples liberty, and still possessing them wth feares and Jellousies of Slavery thereby to alienate their affections from the present Government ffor as the Common way to Atheisme is by a pretended reformation in matters of Religion Soe the direct Roade to bondage is vsually found in specious pretences of Preservation of Liberty. Wee Knowe full well our Right to that Province doth not stand in neede of any Confirmation thereof by Act of Assembly there, for our Charter above mentioned, and our deare purchase of our Right to that Province, by the expense of great sumes of money with much sollicitude and travaile, (whereby that Collony was first begun and preserved) entitles vs sufficiently therevnto, But wee have Great Reason to wonder that any well affected person there, not seduced by Euuell Councell should be backward in concurring to a publick Act of Recognition of our Rights there. And Wee cannott thinke any worthy of enioying ought there vnder vs, who shall vpon due Consideration what hee doth, deny soe to doe, nor indeede can it easily be belieued, that any Intelligent person that hold any thing vnder vs there should be soe blind, as not to endeavour by all the meanes they can to advance and strengthen our Honnor Rights, and Intrests p. 9 there, wherevpon, (and vpon it onely) their perticuler intrests and Rights in their Lands and Priviledges in that province doe solely and with most Certainty depend. Wherefore vpon better Consideration Wee presume the Assembly there will make noe further Scruple of Consenting to all the said Lawes as wee sent them the last yeare thither, but rather desire vs to accept of their Consent therevnto for truely those lawes (if well considered) are more necessary for the Peoples good, and the publick there then for our perticuler intrest. Wee doe therefore hereby againe Declare our Assent to the said Body of Lawes conteyning Sixteene in number above mentioned, And doe hereby authorize our Lieutennant of the said Province for the tyme being in our Name to Enact them alltogether as Lawes in the said Province in case the Assembly there, or the Maior part therof shall consent therevnto within one yeare after the date hereof. And whereas divers lawes were in our Name Enacted by our Deare brother Leonard Calvert Esquier deceased our late Lieutenant there at a Gennerall Assembly held by him at St Inegoos Fort on the second of January one thousand Six hundred fforty Six, (As appeares vpon Record vnder the hand of John Lewger our late Secretary there) which lawes were protested against by An Assembly held after his death, on the twenty Seventh of January one thousand Six hundred fforty Seven, as conceiving them not lawfully Enacted.